

# DHS Band Boosters Newsletter



December  
2009

Supporting the Davis High School Concert, Symphonic, Jazz and Pep Bands

## ♪ Notes from the Band Director ♪

"Mr. Lange,

I'm still savoring the stunningly great concert Monday night. I always enjoy the concerts, am always stunned at the quality, and thoroughly enjoyed the journey round the world in music."

Commented to me by another parent was, "I don't know how they do it (achieving excellence every time)...."

These are just two of many compliments for our Symphonic & Jazz Bands' performances this past November.

If you were there, YOU KNOW -- if you were not there, you missed out. Your students played beyond their ability and gave Davis High musical groups a goal to shoot at for musical enjoyment.

Special thanks go to Tom Peron, our **Jazz Extravaganza** artist, who gave us a trumpet evening to remember for a long time. Tom has been a special friend to our program, having been our guest artist for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in my 24 years at DHS.

Thanks also to our Concert Committee (Peggy Bernardy and company) for providing all the support that makes our programs so special.

Now, looking forward....

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'Tis The Season To Be Jolly....  
(jolly??? what? no peanut butter???)

First and foremost, our **Winter Rhapsody**, the first formal performance of the Concert Band this year, comes to us on **December 17**. This concert, to be held in our own IPA Theater at 7:30 p.m. has something for everyone. The primary focus will be music for the holidays: "Variants on An Ancient Air (O Come, Emmanuel)," "Wexford Reverie," and "Adeste Fidelis," as well as contemporary band works. There will be no advanced tickets so come early (the theater only seats 550). A suggested donation of \$8.00 General, \$6.00 Student/Senior will be requested.

**Extra rehearsals** FOR ALL BAND STUDENTS in a combined group will be held on **November 30, December 14** (both at 7:30 p.m.), and **December 16** (at 2:30 p.m.). Remember parents... dust off your old instrument and join us on stage for the final portion of the concert. Yes, I'm inviting you to be a part of our musical celebration. Just let me know that you're going to participate. I will get you the music and then you join us for the extra rehearsals listed above.

What else? Well, the Jazz Band will participate in the **Delta Jazz Festival** in Stockton on Dec. 5. If they play as well as they did in November, I'm certain we will have done well at this festival!

And? ... Don't forget **Rent-A-Band** - the chance for your student to earn money for his/her trip to Disneyland or, better yet, hire a group for a performance at your party or family gathering.

And? ... **Pep Band** at DHS Basketball games (coming in January). Naomi promises to have a list of dates for us soon. We will include it in newsletters and will also send it out on the listserve.

And? ... **Play-A-Thon** ???? (again in January)

See? Lots more than mice are stirring in our band room.

*Fredrick Lange, Director of Bands*





## ♪ Message from the Band Booster President ♪

Dear Band Booster Parents,

We are now heavily involved in a number of activities – concerts, fundraising, trip planning, and more. Many of you have been helping with one or more of these activities, and I want to thank you for your time and/or donation. We have a great organization to enrich our students' musical education, and this would not be possible without you.

I attended two concerts during the week of November 15th. The Symphonic Band played music from different international flavors. It started out good and became even better with each piece. Some of the rhythm parts were amazing to hear, and I was thoroughly impressed with the Symphonic Band by the end of the evening! The Jazz Band concert with guest artist Tom Peron was equally remarkable. The Jazz Band this year has unbelievable depth in quality musicians.

All of you have received information on our Direct Donation Drive, and many of you have already generously contributed (*thank you!*). I fully understand this is a difficult economic year, and I realize the sacrifice you are making. I would like to point out that our Direct Donation Drive really does not have an end date. So if you are like me and tend to put things off, we still welcome your contribution at any time during the year.

Our Disneyland trip planning committee has been working hard to decide on all the activities for our three Bands. Past annual trips for our three Bands have been very successful and fun for the students (as well as for the parent chaperones), and this year promises to be the same. The trip is planned for May 14-18, 2010.

We have a number of other activities coming up – Rent-A-Band Gigs, Playathon, Coconut Grove, and more. For me, the most enjoyable and memorable parts of helping in Band Boosters have been working side-by-side with all you other parents and interacting with your students on events. I hope to see you at many of these Band activities soon.

Mike Choy, DHS Band Booster President

## December Concert will be Professionally Recorded

The Symphonic and Concert Bands' performances at the **Winter Rhapsody Concert on December 17th will be professionally recorded by Tom Estes**. Don't forget to bring cash or a check on performance night to place orders. **CDs can be purchased at \$15 each and DVDs at \$20 each**. There will be a booth on the left side of the IPAB foyer where you can place an order before the performance, during the intermission, and after the performance. Those of you who can't make the performance, or have other extenuating circumstances, can still place an order by writing a check to "DHS Band Boosters" and sending it to: 43136 Montgomery Avenue, Davis, CA 95618. Checks must be received within 3 working days after the performance night. To keep costs to a minimum, DVD and CD deliveries are generally made directly to your student in his or her band class. If there is a reason this does not work for you, we can mail the DVD or CD to your home address if you provide it to us. For questions, I can be reached at 758-6208.

Thank you,

Gail Cooluris, CD & DVD Sales Coordinator



## Sign Up for SCRIP to Benefit Our Bands

Hello Band Families!

***Did you know that you can support the DHS bands simply by buying groceries?*** The **Nugget Market scrip** and **Safeway e-scrip** programs provide us with fantastic opportunities to raise funds for our wonderful bands. These programs are so terrific because they only require about 1-2 minutes of your time every once in a while! Plus there are NO monetary donations involved. Here's what you need to do...

Next time you're checking out at Nugget, ask the cashier for a scrip application. Fill out the very simple form and return it to the cashier, who will see to it that you are registered. You then have the option of "loading" your card with a chosen dollar amount and presenting it to be scanned whenever you shop, or of using it alongside your credit card or cash every time you make a purchase. That's it! **Nugget will donate 3% of your purchase amounts to our Band Boosters each time you shop!** It's truly something for nothing! (It's important to know that if you lose a loaded card, all you have to do is notify Nugget, who will cancel that card and reissue you one with the same amount.) You can also sign up multiple family members, so that everyone has his/her own card.

Applying for the Safeway escrip program is also extremely quick and simple. It does necessitate you first having a Safeway Club Card. With your card number (printed on the front of your club card) in hand, simply visit the escrip website at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), click on the #1 option - "sign up", follow the very clear instructions, and designate "Davis Senior High School Band Boosters" as your beneficiary. (FYI, our ID number is "137316731, and our zip code is 95617. You must type out "Davis Senior High School Band Boosters" exactly, in order for the system to recognize our organization properly.) That is absolutely all you need to do! You simply present your Safeway Club Card (or punch in your phone number) every time you shop there, and our band program will receive funds. You do have to renew your registration every year with this program, by getting on the website and clicking "Yes, Renew!" - Again, this is an extremely quick and easy process. (If you have been signed up in the past, but haven't renewed your registration, please do take a minute to do this.) *If you don't know your Safeway Club Card number, please call 1-877-SAFEWAY (723-3929) to access it.*

While you are on the escrip website, you also have the opportunity to sign up for other vendors (such as Macy's, Big O Tires, Outdoor Kids) and you can register your credit cards and ATMs, if you feel comfortable doing this. Every time you make a purchase from one of these vendors, or whenever you use your credit cards or ATM, we will benefit.

If you are already using escrip and have children attending other schools that are listed as beneficiaries, you can register Davis Senior High School Band Boosters as an additional beneficiary. You are allowed up to three beneficiaries per scrip account.

Please don't forget to tell your family members to sign up, too. Your loved ones can even be living outside of Davis and can designate our organization as the beneficiary for their scrip.

I have been informed that Food 4 Less in Woodland also accepts Nugget scrip cards, so if you shop there, you can also benefit our program. I am looking into the scrip program at SaveMart as well and will keep you posted when I set up that account.

*These programs have tremendous fundraising potential if we have strong participation.* We realize that you are being asked to open your wallets quite a bit these days; the appeal of these programs is that you are not being asked to donate your own funds. Simply sign up and let the stores do the donating on your behalf!

Please find me in the IPAB lobby at the December concert with Nugget scrip cards and signup instructions for e-scrip. In the meantime, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me ([lynnerumery@gmail.com](mailto:lynnerumery@gmail.com)) with any questions or concerns.

*With best wishes,*  
Lynne Gertmenian-Rumery, Scrip Coordinator

## DHS Bands 2009-2010 (Partial) Calendar

### December

12/02 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
12/05 Sat	Delta Jazz Festival	TBA	Stockton
12/12 Sat	CSUS Jazz Festival	TBA	Sacramento
12/14 Mon	Combined Bands Rehearsal	7:30-9pm	IPAB
12/16 Weds	Combined Bands Rehearsal	2:30-4ish pm	IPAB
12/17 Thursday	"Winter Rhapsody" Combined Bands Concert	7:30pm	IPAB

### January

1/13 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
1/23 Sat	Play-A-Thon Begins	7:00pm	DHS MPR
1/24 Sun	Play-A-Thon Final Concert	7:00am	DHS MPR
1/27 Weds	<i>Habit Burger Fundraiser</i>	4pm-closing	Habit Burger
1/30 Sat	Folsom Jazz Festival	TBA	Folsom

### February

2/03 Weds	Elementary Concert (DHS Band Students Needed)	TBA	IPAB
2/10 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
2/13 Sat	Jazz Choir Cabaret	6:00pm	DHS
2/14 Sun	Jazz Choir Cabaret	5:00pm	DHS
2/17 Weds	<i>LampPost Pizza Fundraiser</i>	4-9pm	LampPost
2/27 Sat	Coconut Grove	TBA	DHS MPR

### March

3/03 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
3/10 Weds	Festivity of Bands Symphonic Band with UCD & CSUS	TBA	Mondavi
3/16 Tues	<i>LampPost Pizza Fundraiser</i>	4-9pm	LampPost
3/18 Thurs	Adjudication Concert Symphonic & Concert Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
3/28 Sat	Capitol Jazz Project Concert with DHS Jazz Band	TBA	IPAB

### April

4/5-4/9	Spring Break		
4/9-4/11	Monterey Jazz Festival ( <i>tentative</i> )	TBD	Monterey
4/12-4/15	Auditions for Symphonic & Jazz Bands		
4/14 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
4/17 Sat	UCD Picnic Day, Pep Band Parade and Parking	TDB	UC Davis
4/20 Tues	Symphonic Band Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
4/23-4/24	Reno Jazz Festival ( <i>tentative</i> )	TBD	Reno
4/27 Tues	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip ( <i>tentative</i> )	7:30pm	DHS PA-03

### May

5/4 Tues	Senior Concert Concert & Symphonic Bands	7:30pm	IPAB
5/6 Thurs	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip ( <i>tentative</i> )	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/9 Sun	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip ( <i>tentative</i> )	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/10 Mon	Combined Band Rehearsal for SoCal Trip ( <i>tentative</i> )	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/12 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
5/14-5/18	Disneyland Trip!		SoCal
5/22 Sat	Jazz Combo Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
5/26 Weds	Picnic & Pops in the Park Concert	6:00pm	Central Park

### June

6/2 Weds	<b>Band Boosters Meeting</b>	7:30pm	DHS PA-03
6/4 Fri	Jazz on a Summer's Eve Concert	7:30pm	IPAB
6/11 Fri	DHS Graduation (Bands play)	TBD	





**November  
Concert Photos**

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**by Howard Chew**  
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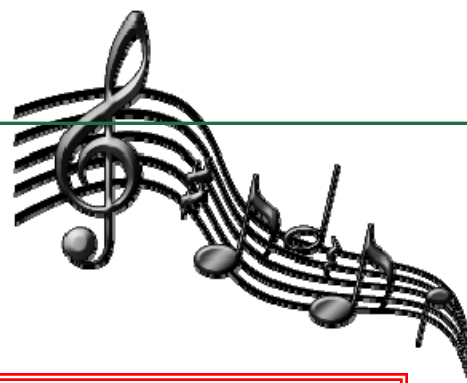


## Reserve Your RENT-A-BAND Gig Now!

If you are planning a party during the holidays, why not hire a Rent-A-Band group as entertainment? You will be surprised at how much fun it is to delight your guests with live music. Before Thanksgiving break, students spent time rehearsing after school. Leaders are in place and groups are waiting to play at your house or your business. We already have several gigs lined up, including venues at Davis Commons, downtown Davis, and Walgreens in Woodland, but we need many more. Please consider what you can do to help us give the students the opportunity to keep the reputation of our bands alive and well in the community.

**Rent-A-Band benefits not only the students and their trip accounts, but all those people whose spirits will be uplifted by their fun holiday music.** You never know what fans might be listening. When I attended the Davis Jazz Artists Festival in October, there were two women who came to hear the DHS Jazz Band perform. One of them has been coming to the Jazz Band concerts for years, even though she has never personally known any of the students in the band. Rent-A-Band is a fabulous opportunity to reach new fans and build our program. Groups this year will include six members, but the price will still be \$75.00 per 30 minutes. Pianists can be hired at \$40.00 per hour. **Gigs are scheduled between November 20 and December 19.** Please contact Maki Kuper at [maki.kuper@gmail.com](mailto:maki.kuper@gmail.com) or 756-7380 to book your gig.

Maki Kuper, Rent-A-Band Coordinator



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- I. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from the October 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.
- II. **Music Director's report** – Mr. Lange announced the Symphonic Band will be performing on 11/16 with a collection of international music. 11/20 is the Jazz Extravaganza featuring guest trumpet player Tom Peron. Parents are encouraged to play with the combined Symphonic and Concert Bands at the Winter Rhapsody performance on 12/17/09. Rehearsals will be held on Monday, November 30; Monday, December 14 (both at 7:30p), and Wednesday, December 16 (2:30p).
- III. **Student report** – Mr. Lange reported that the Pep Band will play at the last football game this season where all seniors performing with the band will be announced. Band sweatshirts have arrived. Pep Band Leader Naomi will be working on the basketball game schedule.
- IV. **Treasurer's report** – There is nothing significant to report.
- V. **Committee reports**
  - A. **Car wash** – The last car wash brought in only \$400. Mike proposed that we use \$117 from the general fund to supplement the \$9.50/hour fee for each student working at the car wash. Peter Matlock moved and Katie seconded this proposal. It was unanimously approved. The last car wash is to be held Saturday 11/5/09 at Nugget. Theresa is looking for more parents to assist with this event. She has the option to cancel the event if the weather is inclement. A boom box with music really helps.
  - B. **Natsoulas Jazz Festival** – There are a few tasks to complete to close up this event.
  - C. **Pizza and Yogurt** – 11/17 Lamppost Pizza night. A couple of Habit Burger events are scheduled. We are trying to get Yolo Berry dates set.
  - D. **Direct Donations** – Letters were recently mailed announcing this year's "Music To Your Ears" campaign. If people donate \$100 or more they will not need to make a donation to concert events, excluding the Capital Jazz Project on March 28<sup>th</sup>. CJP accepts as their fee the proceeds from the concert. Mr. Lange would like to list those who have donated in the next concert program. He would like the list by Wednesday 11/11/09. Donations will be accepted after the drive ends on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. **Rent-a-Band** 11/20-12/19 – Maki Kuper and Mr. Lange are working on a new system for selecting conductors/leaders and assigning gigs. All kids who sign up should be able to participate in a gig. There are six gigs set at Davis Commons and one more in the downtown area. Sextets are being formed to better accommodate all band students. All of \$75 fee will be distributed to the six members of each group. Maki will send the flyer out on the listserv so people can distribute them.
  - F. **Playathon** – No report.
  - G. **Coconut Grove** 2/27/10– Randy says they are looking for volunteers especially parents of sophomores and juniors. Volunteers can work as hard or as easy as you want. Please contact Randy Chinn if you are interested in helping with this event.
  - H. **Concerts, CD/DVD sales** – Mike has not yet contacted Tom Estes about CD/DVD sales this year. Mr. Lange has given Gail Cooluris a list of the concerts to be recorded. Mr. Lange will work with Stephanie Hunt regarding publicity for upcoming concerts
  - I. **Disneyland trip** – The planning committee will next meet on 11/17 at Lamppost Pizza. Disneyland has accepted our group. Approval from DJUSD is in the process. We are exploring some options for additional band workshops in the LA area.
  - J. **Jazz Band trip** – In a survey of Jazz Band families we determined there are a number of conflicts with band members and families in traveling to New Orleans, so we will not be traveling to Louisiana with the Jazz Choir this year. We are still going to apply for the Monterey Jazz Festival the last weekend of spring break. We will consider going to the Reno Jazz Festival.
  - K. **Scrip** – Lynne Rumery has offered to coordinate scrip. She has several options she is researching.

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She will have a table in the lobby at concerts, and will place announcements on the listserv.

VI. **Old Business**

A. **BB volunteers still needed** – All our major positions are filled, yet we need a lot of help within different committees. We need to find someone to help coordinate the jazz band festival events.

VII. **New Business**

Possible DHS regulations on all Booster clubs – Mike will be meeting with school district officials to discuss how our booster organization operates.

VIII. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:12 pm. Our next meeting is December 2, 2009.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Kathryn Shickman, Band Boosters Secretary*



Please join us  
for the next DHS  
Band Boosters Meeting!

**AGENDA for Band Boosters Meeting**  
**December 2, 2009 ~ 7:30 p.m. ~ Room PA-3**

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| I. Approval of Minutes        | E. Playathon                       |
| A. November Minutes           | F. Coconut Grove                   |
| II. Music Director's Report   | G. Concerts, CD/DVD Sales          |
| III. Student Report           | H. Disneyland Trip                 |
| A. General Information        | I. Scrip                           |
| B. Pep Band                   | J. Others?                         |
| IV. Treasurer's Report        | VI. Old Business                   |
| V. Committee Reports          | A. BB Volunteers Still Needed      |
| A. Car Wash                   | VII. New Business                  |
| B. Pizza & Yogurt Fundraisers | A. Possible DHS Regulations on all |
| C. Direct Donations           | Booster Clubs                      |
| D. Rent-A-Band                |                                    |